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REMARKS

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At about 2 p.m. on 29 January 1954, 6 T-34/85 tanks which fired while in motion were seen in the Zeithain training area. At about 4:30 p.m., T-34/85 tanks [redacted] drove toward Riesa from the troop training grounds. At about 5 p.m., 3 JS-2 tanks [redacted] and a tank chassis drove to the training grounds from the direction of Riesa. Between 5 and 6 p.m. on 1 February, JS-2 tanks [redacted] T-34/85 tanks [redacted] armored personnel carrier [redacted] and 3 trucks occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets went to the training grounds from the direction of Riesa. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to and from the troop training grounds [redacted]

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The following columns were seen en route toward Riesa from the direction of Koenigsbrueck:

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At 5 p.m. on 28 January: 6 trucks, [redacted] with a 85-mm AT gun.

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At 10:30 a.m. on 30 January: 6 trucks [redacted] each with a 57-mm AT gun. 2

1. Comment. [redacted] winter firing practice of tank units of the 9th Tank Div from Riesa.
2. Comment. Another report [redacted] indicated that these units of the 9th Tank Div marched from Riesa toward Koenigsbrueck on 27 January. The troops engaged either in a field exercise or firing practice at Koenigsbrueck. [redacted]

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